GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Appointment of Rupa Devi as FIFA Referee
Sathyabama Smt. V.

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

a) whether the Union Government is aware that Rupa Devi a football player from Tamil Nadu has been appointed by the International Football Association as a referee for international football matches, if so, the details thereof; and
b) the steps taken by the Union Government to promote the game of football among the youth across the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
a) Madam, the All India Football Federation has informed that it has a referee whose name is RUBA DEVI GURUSAMY. She has been a FIFA international referee (women) with effect from 01 January, 2016 and was also appointed as referee during 12th South Asian Games(SAG) at Shilong.
b) Promotion and development of various disciplines of sports is primarily the responsibility of the States and of the concerned National Sport Federations (NSFs) which are bodies, registered under the Societies Registration Act/Companies Act. All India Football Federation(AIFF) is the recognized NSF for Football. Government has provided an assistance of Rs 8.883 crores in the year 2015-16 to AIFF for promotion of football.
U-17 FIFA World Cup is going to be held in India in 2017. Government of India has supported AIFF in making the bid for the event and proposes to provide financial assistance for upgradation of certain venues for this event.
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